Scholarships Committee 2008-2009

The Scholarships Committee once again awarded scholarships to many promising applicants, from a large pool of well-qualified candidates.

The committee awarded 15 scholarships totaling $31,974.00. The breakdown is as follows:

- From the LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment, two scholarships for non-law school graduates seeking a library degree were awarded to Marianne Sterna and Joanne Gialis; one scholarship for a law school graduate seeking a library degree was awarded to Donna Bowman; and one scholarship for a dual-degree law and library school student was awarded to Ellen Qualey.
- From the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment, three scholarships were awarded to Maria Femenia, Tiffany Page, and Sarah Nelson.
- From the AALL Scholarships, six scholarships for law school graduates seeking a library degree were awarded to Errol Adams, Ian Bourgoine, Tina Brooks, Mindy Rush Chipman, Cindy Guyer, and Thomas Sneed; and one scholarship for non-law graduates seeking a library degree was awarded to Phanelson Braxton.
- The James F. Connolly Memorial Scholarship for a law school graduate seeking a library degree was awarded to Caitlin Connelly Smith.

The Connolly Memorial Scholarship was a non-renewing fund, and the committee awarded the balance of the fund this year, so the fund will be closed out after this year.

Funds for the other scholarships were made available due to the generous support of AALL, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and the many donations of individual members of AALL.

This was the first year that the Scholarships Committee had a “vice-chair.” That position was ably filled by Nancy Strohmeyer, who will fill the position of chair for the 2009-10 year. I would like to thank Nancy and our other committee members, Ismael Gullon, Kirstin Nelson, Joanna Bizub, Rick Goheen, and Kathy Sasala, who served as invaluable resources throughout the year.

Jim Gernert, chair
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